

Foreign Phrases and Their Definitions

1. *ad nauseam*—to a sickening degree
2. *alma mater*—one's old university
3. *alpha and omega*—the beginning and the end
4. *avant-garde*—radically original, cutting edge
5. *bon voyage*—good journey
6. *bona fide*—in good faith
7. *carte blanche*—unconditional authority
8. *caveat emptor*—Let the buyer beware.
9. *cum laude*—with distinction
10. *déjà vu*—illusion of having already been experienced
11. *du jour*—of the day
12. *e pluribus unum*—out of many, one
13. *enfant terrible*—an incorrigible child
14. *esprit de corps*—team spirit
15. *faux pas*—a social blunder
16. *femme fatale*—an attractive, dangerous woman
17. *hoi polloi*—the common people
18. *joie de vivre*—joy of life
19. *prima donna*—a first lady; a temperamental actress or performer; a diva
20. *status quo*—the current state of affairs
21. *tabula rasa*—a clean slate
22. *tempus fugit*—time flies
23. *terra firma*—solid ground
24. *verbatim*—word for word
25. *vox populi*—the voice of the people